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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS, Mrs BONINO, Mrs VIEHOFF,  
Mrs DEKKER and Mr Van MINNEN

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the introduction of the right of free entry for  
certain less fortunate citizens to all public buildings  
in the Member States in which art treasures are  
exhibited

## The European Parliament

- having regard to the desire on the part of the European Communities to take specific Community initiatives in the cultural field which was clearly expressed at the summit conferences of 1969, 1972 and 1973,
  - having regard to the resolution adopted unanimously by it on 13 May 1974 asking the Commission to deal also with the cultural aspects of life in the European Communities,
  - having regard to the resolution adopted unanimously by it on 8 March 1976, approving the initial presentation of the main lines of Community action in the cultural sector, which was reaffirmed in its resolution of 18 January 1979,
  - whereas a number of Member States exhibit their art treasures free of charge in public museums, historic buildings and exhibition halls,
  - whereas if this became standard practice, it would constitute an important instrument for cultural action at Community level,
  - whereas the introduction of the right of free entry to exhibitions of art treasures in public buildings in the Member States would be of particular benefit to those groups of people in the Community who are in a less fortunate position from the financial and social points of view, e.g. young people, handicapped persons and senior citizens,
  - whereas no special cultural card need be introduced as the Community cultural initiative could most usefully be linked to the uniform European passport as indicated in the recitals of Mr Pedini's motion for a resolution, which was approved on 12 March 1980,
1. Instructs its Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport to work out as quickly as possible the detailed arrangements for the introduction of the right of free entry for those Member States' citizens who are under twenty-five, over sixty or handicapped to all public museums, exhibitions, monuments, historic buildings and areas of scenic beauty.
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission,